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**LETTER**

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Sir:

Applicant(s) filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on June 23, 2006, in which the reference number was incorrectly listed as JP-8-305021-A on the Form PTO-1449(s). A corrected Form PTO-1449 is attached hereto showing the correct reference number as JP-8-305201-A.

Please substitute this corrected Form PTO-1449 for the incorrect one previously submitted with the IDS filed on June 23, 2006 and return an appropriately initialed copy to Applicant(s).

In addition, Applicants failed to provide an English Language Abstract for the following references:

1. JP-6-124050-A

3. JP-8-305201-A


All three references were previously cited in an IDS dated June 23, 2006.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, DC area.

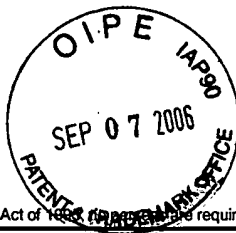
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